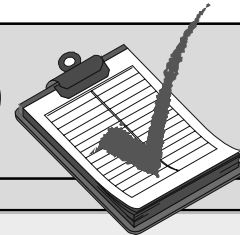


# CHS CHECKUP



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## NEWS BRIEFS

### SANTA SCHEDULE

Santa Claus will be visiting the Human Resources Complex on Thursday, Dec. 19. **Please bring your own camera** for pictures. The schedule is as follows:

Health Services Bldg. Lobby - 8-8:45  
HR Bldg 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors - 9-9:45  
3<sup>rd</sup> Floor - 10-10:45  
4<sup>th</sup> Floor - 11-11:45  
5<sup>th</sup> Floor - 12:30-1:15  
6<sup>th</sup> Floor - 1:30-2:15  
Fair Oaks, MHMR Commissioner Office - 2:30-3:15  
First City Complex, Conf Rm C - 3:30-4:30

### SURPLUS PROPERTY DAY

CHS will have a surplus property day on Thursday, Dec. 19. Notify your division property officer if you have any surplus items.



### TIP OF THE WEEK

When you dress for cold weather, you should wear several layers of loose fitting, lightweight clothing. You should wear mittens instead of gloves and always wear a hat. Remember that entrapped, insulating air, warmed by the body heat is the best protection from the cold.

## Central State Hosts Play On Mental Illness

Central State Hospital recently hosted a performance of the full-length monologue "Psychobabblish" written by co-authors David J. Block and Alec Volz, who also serves as director.

Mr. Block explained that he is a consumer of mental health services and has personal experience with many common issues facing the seriously mentally ill — "psychosis, homelessness, institutionalization, pain & suffering, spirituality, hope, redemption and rebirth." His goal is to break down the mystery of mental illness to others so "they will see that there's not much difference between that person and themselves."

Clint Gill portrays Mr. Block in the play, which according to The Courier-Journal, is leavened by funny references to psychiatric definitions, fancy names for expensive anti-depressants and close encounters with psychiatrists. For example, in referring to his diagnosis as bipolar he wrote: "I'm tired of calling myself bi-polar. It sounds like an arctic exploration."

The well-received play was performed Nov. 18 to a standing room only audience of consumers, mental health providers and mental health services advocates.



OIG employees Wilma Hathcock and Floyd Parrish view the art work.

## CHS Features Minds Wide Open Art Show

The Cabinet for Health Services is displaying a new round of art on the fifth floor lobby of the Human Resources Building in Frankfort. Minds Wide Open Art Center mentors artists with cognitive disabilities who work to craft visual and performing art that expresses ideas and visions that they find difficult to verbalize.

The center, located in Lexington, is an offshoot of ARC of the Bluegrass and its goal is to integrate general community artists with artists who have developmental disabilities. The exhibit not only showcases and promotes the work of these artists; it also provides an opportunity for the artists to sell their pieces.

The art will be on display through the 1<sup>st</sup> of January and a reception is planned for the artists during the middle of January. If you are interested in purchasing any of the work or would like more information, contact Deborah Skinner, Operational Program Support, 502/564-6631.

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## Public Health Recognizes Outstanding Employees

The Department for Public Health held its fifth annual Employee Recognition Ceremony on Wednesday, Dec. 11. Commissioner of Public Health Dr. Rice Leach and other staff members presented the awards.

**Support and Implementation** – for non-supervisory individuals with outstanding performance in the area of improved work practices, exceptional cooperation, or outstanding support.

**Nominees:** Mary Sanderson, Epidemiology and Health Planning; Bill Bishop, Local Health Department Operations; Steve Mayes, Public Health Protection and Safety; and Michael Tuggle, Resource Management.

**Winners: Support** - David Knapp, Laboratory Services. **Implementation** – Tricia Williams, Epidemiology and Health Planning

**Leadership** – for a supervisory/management individual making a significant contribution to quality improvement through excellence in communication, innovation, staff development, problem solving or management.

**Nominees:** Janet Luttrell, Adult and Child Health; Brenda Shipp, Laboratory Services; Libby Sammons, Local Health Department Operations; Melissa Royce, Resource Management

**Winner:** Dr. Sue Billings, Epidemiology and Health Planning

**Teamwork** – for a multidisciplinary group exhibiting a high level of coordinated effort and efficiency to achieve a common task or goal, within a division and across division lines.

**Nominees: Within a Division** – Clarissa Campbell, Brenda Chandler, Diane Chism, and Germaine O'Connell, Adult and Child Health; Robin Cotton, Erin Earles, Jennifer Gentry, Karim George, Rhonda Lucas, Cindy Mitchell, Kathy Morris, Matthew Nelson, Mandi Patterson, and Meloney Russell, Laboratory Services, Anthrax Team; Sean Benton, Jennifer Moore, and Diane Young, Laboratory Services, West Nile Team; Jim Barnes, and Vanessa Breeding, Public Health Protection and Safety, Radiation Health Group.

**Across Divisions** – Hilarye Dailey, Wanda Graves, Robin Gorman, Ted Jennings, Martie Kupchinsky, Jack Phipps, Melissa Royce, and Michael Tuggle, Resource Management, State Budget Staff.

**Winners: Within a Division** – Bill Bishop, Lucy Dean, Genie Prewitt, Connie Richmond, and Eula Spears, Local Health Operations, Training Branch Team.

**Across Divisions** – Cecil Clark, George Cook, George Graham, PhD, Joan Graham, Sandra Griffin, Gary Grubbs, Joe Haner, Donna Hensley, Trent Kelly, Janet Luttrell, Jaime Ratliff, Ricky Spaulding, Bill Taylor, and Lisa Walls, Resource Management, Local Fiscal Management Section.

**Local Health Department, Most Improved** – Floyd County Local Health Department, Thursa Sloan, director.

**Local Health Department, Most Innovative** – Madison County Local Health Department, Jim Rousey, director.



Dr. Sue Billings, center, receives an award from Dr. Rice Leach, Dr. George Graham and Sharon Stumbo.



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